

I claim:

1. A garment for children, comprising:

a body blank having a neck opening, a front portion, a rear portion, and first and second sleeve blanks;

said body having a peripheral edge portion and at least four side slits extending toward said neck openings from said peripheral edge portion;

said side slits being positioned with respect to one another to define a pair of lateral edge portions for each of said first and second sleeve blanks and a pair of lateral edge portion for each of said front and rear portions;

first securement means for selectively coupling the pairs of lateral edge portions of said first and second sleeve blanks to form first and second sleeves; and

second securement means for selectively coupling the pairs of lateral edge portions of said front and rear portions to form a body portion of the garment.

2. The garment of claim 1 further comprising a front slit that extends from said neck opening toward said peripheral edge portion in said front portion.

3. The garment of claim 2 further comprising a third securement means for selectively securing said front slit in a closed position.

1 4. The garment of claim 3 wherein said front slit extends from said neck opening to said peripheral edge portion to form selectively separateable right and left sides of said front portion.

5 5. The garment of claim 1 wherein each of said side slits forms a lateral edge portion of one of said first and second sleeve blank and a lateral edge portion of one of said front and rear portions of said body panel.

10 6. The garment of claim 1 wherein said peripheral edge portion of said body panel is generally curved.

15 7. The garment of claim 6 wherein said curved peripheral edge portion defines a generally circular shaped for said body blank.

8. The garment of claim 7 wherein each of said side slits forms a lateral edge portion of one of said firsthand second sleeve blanks and a lateral edge portion of one of said front and rear portions of said body panel.

20 9. The garment of claim 8 further comprising a front slit that extends from said neck opening toward said peripheral edge portion in said front portion.

10. The garment of claim 9 further comprising a third securement means for selectively securing said front slit in a closed position.

11. The garment of claim 10 wherein said front slit extends from said neck opening to said peripheral edge portion to form selectively separable right and left sides of said front portion.

12. The garment of claim 1 wherein said body is formed from a single panel of flexible material.

13. The garment of claim 1 further comprising mitten means coupled to said first and second sleeve for selectively covering a child's hands when said child wears the garment.

14. The garment of claim 13 wherein said mitten means are comprised of first and second mittens that are each formed from a single panel of flexible fabric.

15. The garment of claim 1 further comprising hood means operatively coupled to an edge portion of said neck opening for selective coverage of a child's head when the child wears the garment.

16. The garment of claim 15 wherein said hood means is selectively removable from  
said neck opening.

17. The garment of claim 16 further comprising mitten means coupled to said first  
and second sleeve for selectively covering a child's hands when it wears the garment.

18. The garment of claim 17 wherein said body is formed from a single panel of  
flexible material.

19. The garment of claim 18 wherein each of said side slits forms a lateral edge  
portion of one of said firsthand second sleeve and a lateral edge portion of one of said  
front and rear portions of said body panel.

20. The garment of claim 19 wherein said curved peripheral edge portion defines a  
generally circular shaped for said body.